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COUNTY HONORS VOLUNTEERS *19 Volunteers Recognized During National Volunteer Week*

One man offers church services to patients at the County psychiatric hospital. Another man goes to Polinsky Center every week to play guitar, sing songs and make children laugh. And one woman has volunteered at the North Regional Animal Shelter for four years, helping cats find adoptive homes and cleaning kennels.

They are just some of the volunteers who will be honored by the County of San Diego Wednesday, April 20, at a special event. The event is the annual salute to the Volunteers of the Year and will be held at 8 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers at the County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway. The event is being held during National Volunteer Week, April 17-23.

Volunteers from various departments will be given awards as a show of appreciation for all they do.

During the 2003-2004 fiscal year, 23,398 volunteers served the County of San Diego. They provided savings of more than \$29 million to the County. In addition, volunteers also provided more than \$1 million in money and gifts to County programs.

"The help and services provided by volunteers are invaluable," said Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price. "A good government works on behalf of its citizens, but also relies on the community spirit and involvement of the people it serves. We are blessed to have so many volunteers who give of themselves to improve the lives of their fellow citizens."

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